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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: § Attorney Docket No.: 31132.173/  
Trieu § PC755.00  
§ Customer No.: 46333  
Serial No. 10/765,260 §  
§ Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: January 27, 2004 §  
§ Examiner: Isabella, David J.  
For: Hybrid Intervertebral Disc System §

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005 ("the Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.